

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 25 House Building
January 30, 2013**

Members Present: Sen. Daniel Thatcher, Co-Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Richard Greenwood
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Excused: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

Staff Present: Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.
An audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Welcome

Rep. Hutchings called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. and welcomed new committee members. He outlined how the committee meetings would be structured and the process of starting with a base budget, adding building block requests, and prioritizing those requests to submit to the Executive Appropriations Committee. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

EOCJ Subcommittee Overview

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, described how base budget bills are formulated and reviewed the printed and online information the staff provides for each committee meeting to assist committee members in the decision making process. He then demonstrated how to access and use the Compendium of Budget Information (COBI) online. The information discussed is available to the public on the Legislative website.

Rep. Hutchings asked Department Directors and other staff present in the audience to introduce themselves to the committee.

Those introduced included:

Dan Becker, Ray Wahl, Rick Schwermer, Derek Byrne, Courts
Werner Haidenthaller, Wade Faraway, Ryan Davis, Office of the Attorney General
Clark Harms, Board of Pardons
Susan Burke, Rick Platt, Juvenile Justice System
Jon Johnson, State Auditor Office
Sandy Naegle, Tenielle Young, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Lance Davenport, Joe Brown, Major Mike Kuehn, Kris Hamlet, Debbie Johnson,
Rachel Johnson, Department of Public Safety
Jason Nielsen, State Treasurer Office
Mike Haddon, Gary Sessions, Geri Miller-Fox, Department of Corrections
Dave Walsh, Gary Scheller, Christine Watters, Richard Ziebarth, Commission on
Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)
Layne Meacham, LLOYD E. Ohlin Center

EOCJ Fees

Fees were not discussed.

EOCJ Federal Funds

Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst, discussed the "EOCJ Federal Funds" Issue Brief. He noted that some Federal Grants to agencies require committee approval.

Rep. Hutchings encouraged the committee to look closely at Federal Funds received by state agencies. If Federal funding is reduced more, the state will have to decide whether to replace that money from state funds. State agencies have been asked to prepare a contingency plan in the event that Federal funds are lost.

Mr. King continued his explanation of the Federal Funds Issue Brief, which includes FY 2013 Supplemental and FY 2014. With some exceptions, including Medicaid, agencies can access 125% of Federal Funds approved.

Ms. Burke, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS), explained what the JJS Early Intervention/RHY grant included and said it was not part of Medicaid.

Mr. Syphus distributed a card to committee members with suggested questions to ask agency representatives.

Mr. King said that FY 2014 grant amounts shown in the Brief are amounts the agencies have requested approval to apply for. Whether funding will be available is not known at this time, but agencies should know what funding would be subject to sequestration.

Review of EOCJ Appropriations

Mr. Syphus reviewed the "EOCJ Appropriations Follow-up, FY 2013 and FY 2012 Supplemental" Issue Brief. The brief includes a list of all budget appropriations, both increases and reductions, made to agencies within the EOCJ Subcommittee during the 2012 General Session. Some items were highlighted for particular attention.

Rep. Hutchings spoke about funding decisions using ongoing or one-time funds.

Mr. Syphus discussed several ways agencies are held accountable for funds received, including audits by the State Auditor, and the Legislative Auditor General. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst Office and the Governor's Office also conduct in depth budget analyses.

Ms. Burke reminded the committee of a short Juvenile Justice System presentation available online.

Mr. Dan Becker, Court Administrator, invited the committee to review the Courts' performance measures on the Courts' website, www.utcourts.gov.

Rep. Hutchings commended the Courts for developing a premier system for a performance tracking matrix. He said that at a national meeting, Utah was held as the model for efficiency, new innovations, and use of resources.

Sen. Thatcher encouraged subcommittee members to take the time to develop relationships with those in the agencies who will have to implement decisions made by the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Okerlund, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Seelig absent for the vote.

Rep. Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.